FY 2022 Public Health AmeriCorps – NOFO 101

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Agenda

- AmeriCorps State and National (ASN)
- Public Health AmeriCorps
- Applicants and Programs
- Public Health AmeriCorps Members
- Application Information

AmeriCorps | What's at your core?

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AmeriCorps State and National (ASN)

- Awards grants to non-profits, local and state government, Indian tribes, and institutions of higher education

- Grant recipients provide opportunities for individuals – AmeriCorps members – to serve communities across the country

- Since 1994, more than **1 million** individuals have provided service as AmeriCorps members

What is an AmeriCorps Program?

Training citizens in disaster preparedness

Improving the housing situation for economically disadvantaged people

Improving the academic performance or academic engagement of K-12 students

Improving the environmental condition of distressed public lands and waterways

Responding to the COVID-19 crisis

Increasing access to food resources for economically disadvantaged individuals

ASN Grants

- Utilize AmeriCorps members to build capacity or deepen the impact of the service to individuals or communities

- Broaden the scope of the service activities to reach previously underserved communities

How can AmeriCorps members help my community?

- What is the activity (intervention) that AmeriCorps members could do to mitigate or solve the problem/meet the need?

- How could AmeriCorps members increase the capacity of your organization?

- What is the training members would need?

- What support could you provide the members?

Public Health AmeriCorps Overview

- Partnership with Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

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- Workforce funding that will enable the recruitment, training, and development of a new generation of public health leaders who are ready to respond to the public health needs of the nation by providing public health service in communities

Priorities

- Generate a new generation of public health leaders who are ready to respond to the public health needs of the nation by providing public health service in communities

- Efforts to help local communities respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic

- Applicants may propose programming to aid communities in their efforts to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic

Public Health AmeriCorps (PHA): Goals

Goals:

- Help meet public health needs of local communities by providing needed capacity and support in state and local public health settings

- Provide pathways to good quality public health-related careers through onsite experience, training, and more, with a focus on recruiting AmeriCorps members who reflect the communities in which they will serve

Eligibility

- The following non-Federal entities (all of which are defined in [2 CFR 200.1](#)) are eligible to apply:
  - Indian Tribes
  - Institutions of higher education
  - Local governments
  - Nonprofit organizations
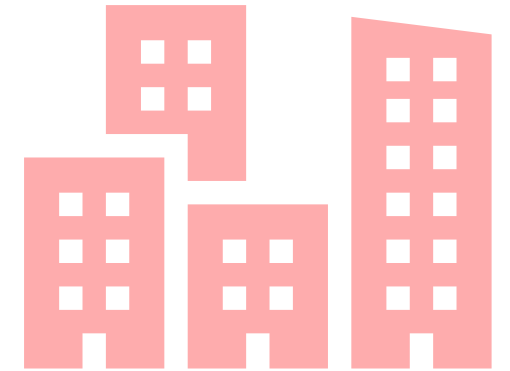 - States and US Territories

Types of Applicants

1. Single-State Applicants

- *Organizations that propose to operate in only one state will apply as National Directs and then if funded, be administered by the Governor-appointed State or Territory Service Commission*

2. National Direct Applicants

- *Multi-State*

- *States and Territories without Commissions*

- *Federally recognized Indian Tribes*

State Service Commissions

- Comprised of governor appointed boards who oversee the implementation of service and volunteer initiatives in their state

- Host portfolio of single state programs

- Employ staff that manage, monitor and evaluate the programs

- Provide feedback to AmeriCorps on the multi-state programs operating in their state

ASN Program Responsibilities

- Recruit, interview, and select members

- Provide regular training and supervision to members

- Track and report on performance measures

- Fiscal management and reporting

PHA Member Service

- AmeriCorps members will serve:
  - Primarily in state, local, tribal, and territorial public health departments OR
  - In service to public health departments

- Strongly recommended that AmeriCorps members serve in at least teams of two
- Examples of member service activities:
  - Community outreach
  - Health education
  - Mental health education and awareness, emotional regulation skill building
  - Health and social services navigation
  - Crisis response (e.g. COVID, Opioids, suicide, mental health)
  - Capacity building

Type of Award

- Three-year Grant

- Cost Reimbursement

- FT = Full time, TQT = Three Quarter Time, HT= Half Time, RHT = Reduced Half Time

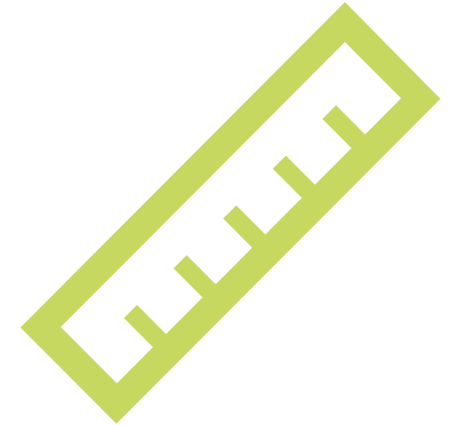| Grant Types	Cost Reimbursement
Available Subtypes	Traditional
Maximum Cost per MSY	$28,800*
Type of Slots in the National Service Trust	FT, TQT, HT, RHT
Budget Submission Required	Yes
Availability of Funds linked to enrollment and retention of awarded MSYs	No
Financial Reporting Requirements	Yes
Available to new Applicants	Yes

ASN Member Terms of Service

Service Term	Minimum Hours Served
Full-time	1,700
Three Quarter-time	1,200
Half-time	900
Reduced Half-time	675

Performance Measures

- All applications must include at least one aligned performance measure (output and outcome) that corresponds to the proposed primary intervention

- All applications must include Public Health AmeriCorps determined performance measures. Please see Appendix B for the performance measures.

- FY 2022 Public Health AmeriCorps – Performance Measure Best Practices Webinar

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm EST

Application Information

FY 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity Documents

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- Application Instructions

- Mandatory Supplemental Information

- Diversity Questionnaire

- Performance Measure Instructions

Submitting your Application in eGrants

- Organizations submit grant applications to AmeriCorps via online eGrants system

- If you are a new applicant, please establish an account using this link: https://egrants.cns.gov/espan/main/login.jsp

- You will need to

  - Start a new Grant Application

  - Select Program Area (AmeriCorps)

  - Select the NOFA

Application Components

- Applicant Information

- Application Information

- **Narratives**

- **Logic Model**

- Performance Measures

- Program Information

- Documents

- Budget

- Funding/Demographics
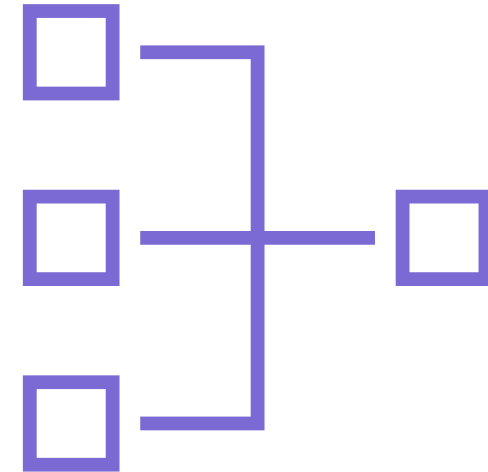
Narratives

- Executive Summary

  - Follow instructions in the Notice

- Rationale and Approach (Program Design)

  - Demonstrate how AmeriCorps members and the proposed intervention are addressing identified community problem

- Organizational Capability

  - Organizational background and staffing and structures

- Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy

  - Degree to which the budget is cost effective and appropriate

☑ Note: Enter N/A for Evaluation Summary or Plan, Clarification Summary, Amendment Justification, and Continuation changes as these will be used at a later date

The Logic Model

- Summary of the community problem

- Inputs or resources that are necessary to deliver the intervention

  - Locations or sites

  - Number of AmeriCorps members

- Core Activities

  - Duration

  - Dosage

  - Target population

- Measurable outputs that result from delivering the intervention

- Measurable outcomes that demonstrate changes in Knowledge/skill, attitude, behavior or condition

Page Limits

- Narratives
    - Applications cannot exceed 10 double-spaced pages
    - Multi-State applications with more than 5 operating sites cannot exceed 12 double-spaced pages

- Sections that count toward the page limit:
    - SF- 424 Face Sheet
    - Executive Summary
    - Program Design, Organizational Capability, and Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy narratives

- Sections that do NOT count toward page limit:
    - Budget
    - Performance Measures
    - Required documents

- Logic Model- cannot exceed 3 pages

> ✓ **Tip: Print out your application from eGrants to ensure you are within the appropriate page limit**

Application Review

Categories/Subcategories	Percentage
Executive Summary	**0**
Program Design	**50**
Theory of Change and Logic Model	24
Evidence Tier	12
Evidence Quality	8
Notice Priority	0
Member Experience	6
Organizational Capability	**25**
Organizational Background and Staffing	9
Compliance and Accountability	8
Culture That Values Learning	4
Member Supervision	4
Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy	**25**

Technical Assistance and Timeline

- ASN Public Health AmeriCorps NOFO 101: Wednesday, October 6, 3-4pm ET

- Office of Grant Administration Best Practices in Budget Development: Thursday, October 14th, 1:30-2:30pm ET

- Best Practices in Demonstrating Evidence-Webinar available on PHA NOFO page

Applications are due on Monday, November 8, 2021 by 5:00 pm EST

- Successful applicants will be notified by early March 2022

Question & Answer

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Additional Questions?

Please email AmeriCorpsGrants@cns.gov with questions about the NOFO.

Please call the National Service Hotline at (800) 942-2677 with eGrants technical issues.

Thank you!